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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that the Registrar went to Kozhikode and held conference and the decisions made at that conference will be implemented soon."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know the special reasons for imposing the condition that the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies should not procure or distribute rice or paddy when some of the other societies in other parts of the State are allowed to procure paddy and rice? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" When Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Societies are converted into other types of societies, they cannot continue to do such business unless they are converted into co-operative stores."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When the Registrar was present in Malabar and when he attended the conference, the difficulties on account of the delay in settlement of accounts and the condition imposed were placed before him and the conference passed a resolution that the Government might be pleased to take over the management though the settlement of accounts with the Government was not completed. To avoid a long question, may I know whether the Government propose to accept that decision of the conference? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" My Hon. Colleague the Minister for Agriculture will make a statement on this subject."

Sago industry.

8-50 a.m. * 1077 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any State aid is given to the sago industry and if so, what?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No State aid has been given to any unit of the sago industry as no request for such aid was received."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the heavy loss sustained by this industry and may I know what steps have been taken by the Government in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, as hon. Members are aware there was some trouble. The West Bengal Government have taken up this matter and I am glad to tell hon. Members that this matter is being settled and the cases on both sides are being withdrawn."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the cases pending in the Calcutta courts regarding the sale of sago have been withdrawn and in view of the sympathetic attitude taken by the West Bengal Government, will the Government see that these matters are expedited and settled as early as possible so that the export of sago from Salem could be expedited? "

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Government will look into the matter."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know how many sago industries are there in our State and whether sago differs from vermicelli manufacture or are they both combined in one industry? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

Agrarian offences in Kumbakonam.

* 1078 *Q.*—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of criminal cases filed by the Government against agricultural workers in Kumbakonam taluk, Tanjore district, for agrarian offences in the year 1954; and

(*b*) the number of persons convicted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Three criminal cases including one case under Section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were filed, during 1954.

" (*b*) None. The proceedings under Section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, are still pending enquiry."

Punching tickets in the Transport Department.

* 1079 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the system of punching tickets was introduced in the Government Transport system; and

(*b*) the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The system of punching tickets has been in vogue in the Government Bus Service from the beginning. Last year, all the conductors in the Transport Department were provided with nippers or punching machines. The system has been introduced in order to prevent fraudulent practices by the conductors."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" இதற்கு முந்தி இம்மாதிரி பஞ்சிங் ஸிஸ்டம் கிடையாது. இந்த முறை வந்த பிறகு, டிக்கட் கொடுப்பதற்கு 20 நிமிஷத்திற்கு மேல் ஆகிறது. வெளிச்சம் குறைவாக இருக்கிற இரவு நேரங்களில் இன்னும் அதிக நேரம் ஆகிறது. ஆகவே இந்த முறையை எடுத்துவிடுவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" ' பஞ்சிங் ' முறை இல்லாதபொழுதும் பாஸஞ்சர்களுக்கு கஷ்டமாக யிருந்தது என்று சொல்லப்பட்டது. மேலும், ' கண்டக்டர்கள் ' திருட்டுத்தனமாக டிக்கட்களை விற்பதற்கு எதுவாயிருந்தது. ஆகவே, ' பஞ்சிங் ' முறை அவசியம் என்று கருதி, இதை ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கிறோம். "